

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 2, please replace paragraph 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0004] Suitable solvents for use in oil extraction include commercially available solvents that permit solubility of the oil under normal reaction conditions. Desirably, solvents used in oil extraction should: (1) allow solubilization of oil from plant material, (2) have a wet bubble point high enough to remain liquid at operating temperatures and pressures to prevent excess vapor load and yet low enough to be readily condensed at close to ambient temperatures for solvent recovery, and (3) have a wet dew point that will facilitate stripping the residual solvent from the oil at temperatures that will not adversely ~~effect~~ affect the quality of oil or cost of oil extraction.

On page 3, please replace paragraph 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0006] Nn-Hexane has recently, however, begun to lose favor in the oil extraction industry. N-hexane has been listed as a substance to monitor under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). Accordingly, n-hexane use and disposal is regulated under SARA, and the government reporting standards associated with SARA can place costly burdens on companies using n-hexane. Although n-hexane remains suitable for use in many oil extraction processes, companies are searching for other solvents that may be substituted for n-hexane in an attempt to reduce solvent oil extraction costs.

On page 9, please replace paragraph 27 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0027] Additionally, the present process can utilize a hydrocarbon solvent capable of being condensed at ambient temperatures to capture vaporized hydrocarbon solvent for recycling purposes and also to minimize blow-off of the vaporized hydrocarbon solvent into the atmosphere, thereby minimizing environmental concerns associated with the process. The hydrocarbon solvent used in the present process for oil extraction is preferably capable of

being introduced into an oil extraction system designed for n-hexane without having to make significant capital improvements to the system. Additionally, the hydrocarbon solvent used in the process for oil extraction of the present invention generally is readily attainable from a commercial source.